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SUMMARY. CHAD' S PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE SPENT PERIOD APRIL 21-26
VISTNG SAUDI ARABIA AS OFFICIAL STATE GUEST OF KING FAISAL.
VISIT WAS PRIMARILY IMPORTANT AS EXAMPLE OF GROWING MUTUAL INTER-
EST IN STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIP, BENEFITS FROM WHICH WOULD BE
PRIMARILY ECONOMIC ON PART CHADIANS AND POLITICAL ON PART SAUDIS.
END SUMMARY.
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1. PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE, ACCOMPANIED BY 46- MEMBER DELEGATION,

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ARRIVED IN RIYADH ON SPECIAL PLANE APRIL 21. ENTIRE PANOPLY OF SAG HEADED BY KING FAISAL GREETED VISITOR AND SET TONE OF LARGELY CEREMONIAL VISIT. DURING FIVE DAYS IN COUNTRY, TOMBALBAYE SPENT 24 HOURS IN JIDDA.

2. SAUDI- CHADIAN DELEGATIONS HELD EXTENSIVE TALKS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, IN SUCH DIVERSE FIELDS AS ECONOMY, AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND EDUCATION.

3. TOMBALBAYE RECEIVED BY IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF ROYAL HIERARCHY AND ALSO MINISTER HISHAM NAZIR, HEAD OF CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANI-ZATION. SAG' S FIVE- YEAR PLAN APPARENTLY IMPRESSED TOMBALBAYE, WHO NOTED HIS OKTCY# WOULD STUDY PLAN CAREFU LY TO SEE WHERE IT

COULD BE USEFUL IN CHAD' S DEVELOPMENT.

4. ON POLITICAL SIDE, TOMBALBAYE RECEIVED FATAH MEMBER TO WHOM HE SUGGESTED PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD VISIT AFRICA IN ORDER FACILITATE JOINT MISSION OF KING FAISAL AND PRESIDENT TOM-BALBAYE OF CONVINCING REMAINING AFRICANCOUNTRIES TO SEVER TIES WITH ISRAEL.

5. COMMUNIQUE VDCLUDED STANDARD BOILER- PLATE ON MUTUAL COOPERATION
AND SUPPORT OF TWO LEADERS BOTH FOR RESTORATION OF OCCUPIED TER-RITORIES AND LEGITIMATE RIGHTS TO PALESTINIANS AS WELL AS FOR AFRICANS STRUGGLING FOR INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM FROM COLONIALISM AND RACISM.

6. TOMBALBAYE DEPARTED RIYADH APRIL 26 EN ROUTE TO BAGHDAD.

7. COMMENT: IT OBVIOUS FROM FACT THAT SAUDI ARABIA ONE OF SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES TOMBALBAYE VISITING THIS YEAR (SEE REFAIR), HE BELIEVES CLOSER RELATIONS WITH ARAB WORLD WILL PROVIDE BOTH ECONOMIC BENEFITS AS WELL PERHAPS AS POLITICAL BENEFITS WHICH MIGHT DERIVE FROM TOMBALBAYE' S ROLE AS PRINCIPAL BLACK AFRICAN SPOKESMAN TO ARABS. ON SAUDI SIDE, VISIT REPRESENTS CONTINUATION OF POLICY BEGUN LAST FALL WITH KING' S TRIP THROUGH FIVE AFRICAN COUNTRIES. FAISAL CLEARLY PLEASED TO CONTINUE
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DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSE TIES WITH BLACK AFRICA THAT HAVE IN PAST LED TO SAUDI ARABIA' S POLITICAL ENHANCEMENT IN ARAB WORLD AS RESULT SEVERING OF ISRAELI TIES BY SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES. TOM-BALBAYE IS FIRST BLACK AFRICAN LEADER OF STATURE-- NOT COUNTING IDI AMIN, WHOM MANY SAUDIS REGARD WITH DUBIETY-- TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA; IT LIKELY IN FUTURE OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS WILL BE INVITED.

8. WHILE NO REPORTS OF SAUDI AID TO CHAD HAVE LEAKED OUT, EMBASSY PRETTY CERTAIN TOMBALBAYE TOOK HOME SOMETHING MORE TANGIBLE

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